

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Koichi NANIWAE

Conf.

Application No. NEW NATIONAL PHASE

Group

Filed March 24, 2006

Examiner

METHOD OF CLEANING TREATMENT AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(SUBMISSION CONCURRENT WITH THE
FILING OF A NEW PATENT APPLICATION)**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 24, 2006

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

II. COPIES

- ☒ Copies of the U.S. patents or publications are not submitted since the USPTO has waived their submission for applications filed after June 30, 2003.
- ☒ Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.
- ☒ This application is a National Phase of a PCT application. Some or all of the documents listed on the PTO-1449 are not enclosed because they were cited in the International Search Report and copies should have been forwarded from the International Search Authority pursuant to the trilateral agreement between the USPTO, EPO and JPO, or they are U.S. patents or U.S. published applications. If copies are needed, please contact the undersigned.

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE
 (check at least one box)

IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 24 MAR 2006

a. ☒ **DOCUMENTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

The non U.S. patents, non U.S. patent application publications, foreign publications, or other information in the English language do not require a statement of relevancy.

b. ☒ **DOCUMENTS NOT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications, or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

English Abstracts are provided and cited on Search Report

c. ☒ **FOREIGN SEARCH REPORT OR ACTION**

An English language version of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(A)(3).

d. ☐ **OTHER**

The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

FEES

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a new patent application; therefore, no fee is required.

If The Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG & THOMPSON

Benoit Castel

Benoit Castel, Reg. No. 35,041
 745 South 23rd Street
 Arlington, VA 22202
 Telephone (703) 521-2297
 Telefax (703) 685-0573
 (703) 979-4709

BC/tlw

Enclosures: ☒ Form PTO-1449(s)
☒ Documents
☒ Foreign Search Report
☐ Other: _____

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)

 Attorney Docket No.:
8074-1143

 Application No.:
NEW NATIONAL PHASE

 Applicant:
Koichi NANIWAE

 Filing Date:
March 24, 2006

Group Art Unit:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing date (if appropriate)
	5,400,740	3/28/1995	Goto et al.			
	5,679,603	10/21/1997	Kimura et al.			
	6,336,970	1/8/2002	Sakamoto et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
						Yes	No
	JP 59-065434	4/13/1984	JAPAN			*	
	JP 5-175150	7/13/1993	JAPAN			*	
	JP 3-236219	10/22/1991	JAPAN			*	
	JP 9-092621	4/4/1997	JAPAN			*	
	JP 01-286991	11/17/1989	JAPAN			*	
	JP 7-263365	10/13/1995	JAPAN				
	JP 2000-124138	4/28/2000	JAPAN				
	JP 2003-282455	10/3/2003	JAPAN			*	
	JP 51-74580	6/28/1976	JAPAN			*	
	JP 2001-2190911	8/3/2001	JAPAN			*	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

* English language abstract provided for the Examiner's convenience

BC/tlw